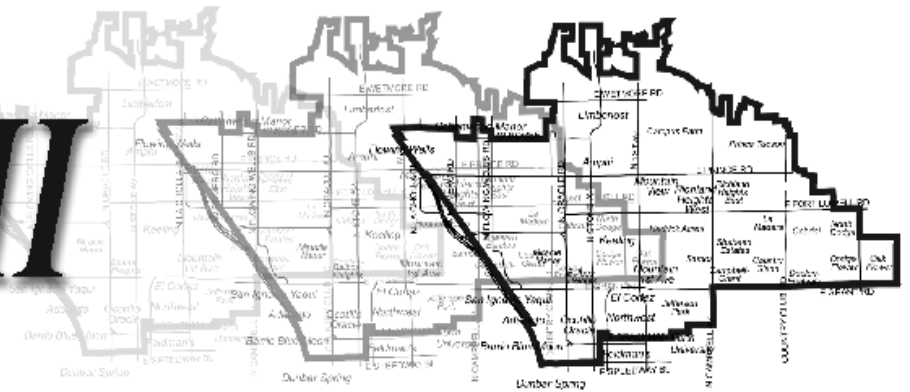


WARD III



News about your community . . .



Karin Uhlich
Council Member

TUCSON, ARIZONA

A Note from Karin

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Dear Tucsonans,

As you'll see in this issue of our newsletter, people across Ward 3 and the City have mobilized to spruce up neighborhoods and key corridors. As I joined with volunteers to paint a new mural in one neighborhood and to paint out graffiti in another, I found the spirit of cooperation and pride inspiring. I have met and worked alongside countless men, women, and children over the past four years who apply themselves to the tasks at hand. While the airwaves and headlines can echo endlessly about what's wrong, I am privileged to witness daily what's right about our community. Most of all it's that generosity and willingness to build upon Tucson's strengths.

My staff and I display a favorite poem throughout the Ward 3 office that early on became our anthem for public service. In "To Be of Use", Marge Piercy reminds me of those attributes more common than we hear celebrated day-to-day:

"...I want to be with people who submerge in the task, who go into the fields to harvest and work in a row and pass the bags along, who stand in the line and haul in their places, who are not parlor generals and field deserters but move in a common rhythm when the food must come in or the fire be put out."

In this issue, we celebrate those people committed to being of use and of service to our great community.

Karin Uhlich



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News from the Keeling Community

By: *Nancy Reid, Keeling Neighborhood Resident*

The Keeling Community Garden is one of the newest 11-Community Gardens of Tucson. It is located on the west end of Amphitheater Place which is a few strides north of 2919 N. Los Altos. Half of the 20-garden plots have been taken but there are still some lots available. Irrigation is provided to each plot which measure 3' x 20' and costs \$15 per month for water. Monthly meetings are conducted by experienced gardeners providing basic instruction for the beginner, and expert advice for the more advanced gardener; meetings are held the last Sunday of each month. Contact admin@communitygardensoftucson.org for more information or to claim a plot.

Please stop by and talk to one of us!



The Keeling Community Garden offers organic gardening in a peaceful setting centrally located 1½ blocks north of Glenn and 2 blocks west of First Avenue.

Amphi Neighborhood Clean-up

By: *Linda Mehall*

On Saturday, March 13 Council Member Karin Uhlich and staff joined Amphi residents to rid the neighborhood of graffiti. Graffiti Protective Coatings (GPC) provided manpower, materials and food for a fun filled day of cleanup. Additional assistance was provided by local merchants, including:

- *Target*
- *Home Depot*
- *Pittsburgh Paints*
- *Prince & Stone Auto Center*
- *Dicky's Barbeque*

During lunch, CM Uhlich thanked the neighbors and GPC for the strong turnout. Tucson Police Chief Roberto Villasenor and Captain Rick Wilson (Westside TPD) praised the effort and encouraged all residents to stay involved to keep the neighborhood looking great.

Thank you to all who made this event a success!!



Council Member Uhlich with TPD and staff members from GPC.



Volunteers enjoying a break after removing graffiti from the Amphi Neighborhood.

Locate your Brush and Bulky Schedule with an easier process Online!

By: *Lisa Ross*

Interested in knowing when your assigned schedule for Brush and Bulky will be collected? The City of Tucson's Environmental Service's website has a NEW and IMPROVED process that can make this re-search quicker and easier to accomplish.

Please visit: <http://esd.tucsonaz.gov/content/find-your-pickup-day>

To find your scheduled time, place your street number in the required field, choose the direction and street name and your schedule dates are provided for you.

This site will also allow you to navigate around to learn more about Brush and Bulky, what can and cannot be picked up along with other environmental services and information. If you do not have access to the Internet, please give us a call here at the Ward 3 office and we will be more than happy to share that information with you.



Brush and Bulky
being collected by the
Environmental Services Department.

“Bee” Aware this Spring!

By: *Lisa Ross*

Bee season is upon us and probably will be a little more populated and long lasting since our Winter brought us such wet weather. The wild-flowers are beginning to bloom and will be in full blossom by the time our hot weather hits us. Below are a few tips to help protect yourself from being stung:

- Avoid wearing overly-fragrant perfumes, lotions or hair products.
- Keep open drinks, like cans of soda, well guarded. Many people have been stung on the lip by drinking out of a can that a bee has crawled into.
- Stand as still as possible if a bee gets close. Bees only sting defensively, and they will be frightened by sudden movements. Don't wave your arms around or try to swat the bee, as it will only serve to anger the insect.

If you find a bee hive or a swarm DO NOT try to spray insecticide or water on them. Instead call a local bee removal service or exterminator. If you have an emergency, such as multiple bee attacks, or you have an allergic reaction to a bee sting, call 9-1-1. If you find bees on City property or in the right of way, please call the City's Communication Department at 791-4144.



Fact

A single hive contains approximately 40-45,000 bees;

Honey bees' wings beat 11,400 times per minute;

A Queen bee can lay 3,000 eggs in a day and live up to 2 years;

To make one pound of honey, workers in a hive fly 55,000 miles and tap two million flowers.

The National Association of Mental Illness 4th Annual Walk

By: *Linda Mehall*

The National Association of Mental Illness (NAMI) held their 4th annual walk on Saturday, March 27 at Sam Lena Park. Council Member Uhlich was an Honorary Co-Chair of the event. Funds are still coming in and the group hopes to raise \$120,000. Approximately 3500 walkers participated.

NAMI's goal is to inform through education, advocacy and support services that are available to individuals and families effected by mental illness.



Community Partnership of Southern Arizona "walkers" with Council Member Karin Uhlich.

Rio Vista Natural Resources Park Dedication—Neighbors Making a Difference

By: *Holly Lachowicz*

On March 27th, people from the Prince-Tucson Neighborhood Association (NA) and surrounding neighborhoods, were ready to party (one gets the impression they don't need much of a reason to party). They had participated in a long process that brought to fruition the extremely beautiful desert oasis - Rio Vista Natural Resources Park.

It wasn't an easy process. In 1996, under the leadership of Prince-Tucson NA President Murray DeArmond and his wife Sue, with participation of many neighborhood residents, the work began. The City of Tucson owned 40 acres at the north end of Tucson Boulevard adjoining the Rillito River Park. The initial plan or options included 4 ball fields, a pool, and a golf course. The neighbors objected. They wanted to save the beautiful natural habitat that neighborhood kids like the Ronstadts, Selbys, and Bagleys had played in for years. Organizers met with hundreds of neighbors. They documented the plants, birds, and wildlife and reached out to the Ward 3 Council Member at that time--Jerry Anderson and then Mayor George Miller for support. Finally, the city agreed to make it a natural resources park - but no money was available. Fortunately, in 2004 the voters approved the County Bonds for Open Space. County Supervisor Bronson has been a ready ally of the project.

More recently, neighborhood residents worked with the Park's Department Project Manager Rob Just on the design of the park. There was even a contentious meeting about the plans in 2007 that Council Member Uhlich attended. The park is three quarters natural vegetation accompanied with picnic ramadas, a tot lot, and climbing wall and beautiful stone benches, designed by local artist Chris Tanz.

Council Member Uhlich invites you to visit this gem of a park!



John Kovacik, NA Pres. surrounded by City, County, and Neighbors at ribbon cutting.

The Early Bus Rider Catches the Ca\$h!

By: *Miguel Ortega*

It's 4 in the morning... do you know where your United Way and Ward 3 staff and volunteers are? Well, if you asked that question on the chilly, early morning of March 25, the answer would be at the downtown Ronstadt Center for the 2nd Annual **"Catch the Cash Bus"** event, of course!

These brave early birds talked to bus riders about the benefits of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) as they waited to catch a bus to work or school. Many approached one of the two United Way tables loaded with morning treats and low income assistance literature. Knowledgeable staff and volunteer members were at hand to help folks find out if they qualify to receive EITC tax refunds.

Unfortunately, many working families who could use a little extra cash do not realize they may qualify for EITC relief. For the past couple of years, the United Way and the Ward 3 Office have partnered to make that a less common reality.

The **"Catch the Cash Bus"** event kicked off "EITC Awareness Month" (March 15 - April 15), proclaimed as such by Council Member Karin Uhlich and Mayor Bob Walkup.



The Ward 3 Council office and Sun Tran partnered with United Way to provide information for bus riders.



Information table containing low income assistance literature.

Ward 3 Alliance and Businesses *Mixing it Up!*

By: *Miguel Ortega*

Lately, the Ward 3 Alliance has been doing things a little differently. All of their monthly meetings now begin with a mixer that includes neighborhood presidents, Ward 3 staff members, TPD officers and just good ole' fashion citizens. The idea is to create another opportunity for Ward 3 resident to have informal, one-on-one chats with people that provide key City services.

The mixer portion of these meetings we enjoy light refreshments provided by a locally owned cafe or restaurant. This effort comes from a partnership between the Ward 3 Alliance, Local First Arizona and the Ward 3 Office. Next week's discussion will be "Local Business Involvement In Neighborhoods". Susan Alexander of the Gateway Business Alliance will serve as a panelist along with representatives from Local First Arizona and the Campbell Avenue Business Partnership.

So, come mix it up with us at the next Ward 3 Alliance meeting on April 21st starting at 6pm at the Woods Library, 3455 N. 1st Avenue. The panel discussion will begin at 6:30pm, immediately following the mixer.



Community Paint Day for S & K Market's New Mural

By: *Tamara Prime*

On February 6th, Council member Karin Uhlich joined the Miracle Manor neighborhood for a *COMMUNITY PAINT DAY* at S & K Market located at 2520 N. 15th Ave. The event marked the culmination of a community wide mural designing process, led by mural artist Michael B. Schwartz, and supported by numerous organizations including businesses and residents in the neighborhood, AZ Commission on the Arts, YES Network, PRO Neighborhoods, Pima County Attorney's Office, the LEGO Children's Fund, Tucson Police Department, and the Ward 3 Council office.

The mural design grew out of extensive research, interviews with elder residents, and workshops with neighborhood youth, with the final design voted on and approved by neighborhood residents.

The colorful, historic look at the Miracle Manor neighborhood as it has developed since the late 1940s, was recently highlighted at the Ward 3 Community Conversation as one example of how history is playing a role in revitalization efforts throughout Ward 3.

A dedication ceremony will take place at 11 a.m. on April 24 at the S & K Market. Be sure to drive by to take a look!



Community Paint Day!



Final Product!

Historic Miracle Mile Tour and Festival

By: *Tamara Prime*

The historic Miracle Mile Tour and Festival will take place on Saturday, April 24 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This festival will celebrate the mid-twentieth century heyday of the original Miracle Mile with its bright neon signs, motor courts, and restaurants lining of what use to be the primary motor route into and out of Tucson. The day's program will bring both the past and the present together allowing the opportunity to learn about the area's history during the morning, and an all day street fair.

Festivities for the day include, tours of the Miracle Mile area, local businesses and food vendors, Yaqui Mask carving, paint the "Strip", art show and sales, live music, fashion show, classic cars and bike show, and activities for the kids!

The street fair will be centered in the Drachman Street/Main Street/Oracle Road area, with primary parking at Pima Community College's Downtown Campus. Shuttle buses will be available to take people from the parking lot to festival venues. A driving map of historic sites will also be available. For more information, call the Gateway Business Alliance at 520-762-6900 or visit www.celebratehistorictucson.com.



Public Art Sculpture by Dirk J. Arnold is part of the revitalization for the Miracle Mile area.

Save the Date

By: *Linda Mehall*

April

April 17—Samos Neighborhood Green Street Workshop. Water harvesting project runs from 8am to 1pm. Learn practical skills and get your hands dirty! Info: Henry Jacobson at 971-9166.

April 18—Jefferson Park Neighborhood Garden Tour. Tickets are \$10. Tour begins at the Ward 3 Council Office. Info: Joan Daniels at 323-2165.

April 18—Cyclovia Tucson. Cycle, Walk and other healthy street activities. Car-free route runs through Ward 3 from 10am to 2pm. Concurrently, the YMCA is holding a "Healthy Kids Day" at Mansfield Park, 2000 N. 4th Avenue. Info: www.cycloviatucson.org

April 21—Ward 3 Neighbors' Alliance Meeting. 6pm at Woods Library (3445 N. First Avenue). Topic: "Local Business Involvement in Neighborhoods." Info: Marc Haberman at 881-4582. Bleu55@gmail.com

April 24—Great Business Alliance Historic Tour/Miracle Mile Festival. 8am-7pm. Info: 762-6900 or www.celebratehistorictucson.com

April 24—Miracle Manor Mural Dedication Ceremony. 11am at S&K Market, 2520 N. 15th Avenue. Info: Marsha Quinn at 275-8454

April 24--Watershed Management Group's "Co-op Bazaar" in Celebration of Earth Day at Mansfield Park, 2000 N. Fourth Ave. Info: matthew@watershedmg.org or 396-3266.

April 26—"Community Conversation with CM Uhlich. Topic: "Clean City Task Force—How to Make it Work in Ward 3". 6pm at the Ward 3 Council Office

May

May 4—Submission of the City Manager's Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2011 to Mayor and Council

May 11—Public hearing on the Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2011.

May 19—Ward 3 Neighbors' Alliance Meeting. 6pm at Woods Library (3445 N. First Avenue). Topic: "Imagine a Greater Tucson." Info: Marc Haberman at 881-4582. Bleu55@gmail.com

May 18 & 25—Mayor and Council Study Sessions for the purpose of discussing the Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2011.

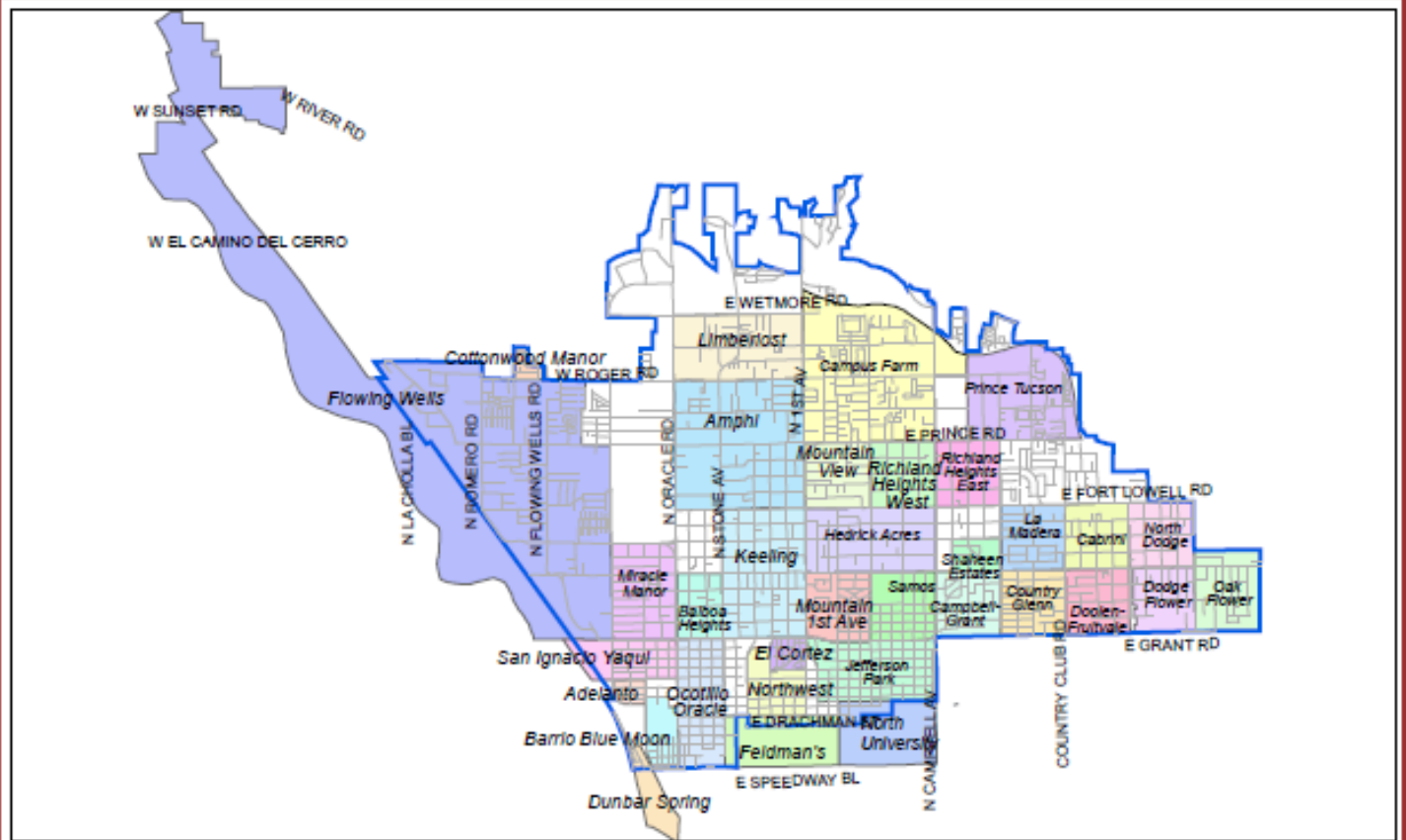
May 28—All City Offices Closed for mandated unpaid furlough day.

June

June 8—Tentative Adoption of the Budget for Fiscal Year 2011.

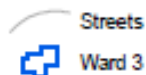
June 15—Public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2011 budget as tentatively adopted. Special Mayor and Council Meeting for the purpose of final budget adoption.

June 16—Ward 3 Neighbors' Alliance Meeting. 6pm at Woods Library (3445 N. First Avenue). Topic: "Revitalization." Info: Marc Haberman at 881-4582. Bleu55@gmail.com



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